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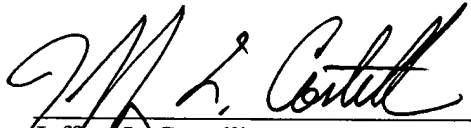
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001 acknowledging the filings of seven Information Disclosure Statements examined on September 26, 2001.

The Office Action did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 15, 2000, August 21, 2000 and December 19, 2000. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of June 15, 2000, August 21, 2000 and December 19, 2000 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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